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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.
LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11, Clement's Lane,
Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30,
Cornhill. GORDON & GOTCH, 121, Hol-
born Hill. E.C. BATES HENDY & Co.,
& Old Jewry, E.C.
AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW
ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Mel-
bourne and Sydney.
SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports
generally.—WHITE & BAUER, San
Francisco.
CHINA.—Swatow, DROWN & Co., Amoy,
Giles & Co., Foochow, THOMSON &
Co., Shanghai, H. Fogg & Co., Ma-
laga & Co., Kowloon & Co.

Arrivals.

Dec. 16, Glendover, Brit. barque, 489,
Wilson, Yokohama, Dec. 4, Ballast.—Bor-
neo Co. Limited.
Dec. 16, Columbian, Brit. steamer, 617,
Lobetzi, Shanghai, Dec. 12, General
GILMAN & Co.
Dec. 16, Kwang Tung, Brit. steamer, 498,
Pitman, Foochow, Amoy and Swatow,
Dec. 13, 14 and 15, Tea, Treasure and Sun-
dries—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Dec. 16, Costa Rica, North G. barque,
308, Wunderlich, Chefoo, Dec. 7, General
SIEMSEN & Co.
Dec. 16, Erl King, British steamer, 1044,
Pinel, Shanghai, Dec. 12, General—AU-
GUSTINE HEARD & Co.

Departures.

Dec. 16, Douglas, for Swatow.
16, Santa Anna, for Manila.
16, Japan, for Yokohama, etc.
16, Roslin Castle, for Whampoa.
16, Macdon, for Manila.
16, Rebecca Goddard, for Saigon.
16, Hesperus, for Bangkok.

Passengers.

ARRIVED.—Per Glendover, 9 European
deck.
Per Kwang Tung, Messrs. Weller, Hitch-
cock, Blackwood, Bush, Paunshay, L. de
Claperton, and 40 Chinese deck.
Per Erl King, Messrs. Godall, Grimmel,
Sheram, Shetuna (Japanese), A. Fonseca,
W. H. Judd, and 63 Chinese.
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,

The 16th and 17th December, 1868.

The Grand Comic Operatic Extravaganza,
by MESSRS. A. HALIDAY and F. LAWRENCE,
Entitled, "KENILWORTH,"

On WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,

The 16th and 17th December, 1868.

LANE CRAWFORD & Co., beg
to call attention to their new
GOODS for the Season, received per
recent arrivals.

For Christmas Tables.

Mince Meat, Muscats, Figs,
Raisins, Crystallised Fruits.

Currants, Plum Puddings.

Red Wine, Biscuits, Biscuit Puddings.

Orange, Lemon and Citron Peel.

Fricassées de Grenouilles.

Pork Cutlets, Truffled Sausages.

Whitebait, Venison, Salmon.

Truffles, Vanilla Bonbons.

Prunes, Dessert Fruits.

Rose Water Crackers.

Cheddar, Albert and Stilton Cheese.

A Boar's Head.

Krug's Champagne.

Glenlivit Whisky.

Porta, Sherries, Bass.

Liqueurs in great variety.

Oiliness's Stores of first rate quality.

&c., &c., &c.

For the Children.

A splendid assortment of Toys.

Christmas Tree Ornaments.

Games and Books of Games.

Illustrated Gift Books.

Rocking Horses—Dragées.

A Child's Swing.

For Christmas and New Year's
Gifts.

UNION DOCK COMPANY
OF HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Annual Meeting of the
Shareholders in the above Company

will be held at the Company's Office, in the

Hongkong Hotel building, on FRIDAY,

the 18th day of December next, at noon, to

receive the report and accounts; and elect
Directors for the ensuing year in the place

of those who retire in conformity with the

provisions of the articles of association.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

JOHN INGLIS,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, December 12, 1868. de26

BELLEVUE HOUSE,
PRIVATE BOARD AND LODGING
ESTABLISHMENT.

Hollywood Road, No. 6, next to the
Hotel d'Europe, lately Mrs. VINTON'S.

CHARLES F. SEABURG,
Hongkong, December 8, 1868.

At the Undersigned intends leaving Hong-

kong in a short time; those desiring his
services will address him at once.

J. S. BURLINGHAM,
Surgeon Dentist.

Hotel d'Europe, December 3, 1868.

LOTTERY.

TWO DRAWING ROOM SELF-ACTING ORGANS.

THE above are very fine Instruments,

and an Ornament to a Drawing Room.

100 chances at \$5 each. They are on view

on the premises, 88 and 60, Wellington

street, up to the date of drawing—24th

December, 1868, at 1 o'clock p.m.; providing

the lottery be filled up.

First prize, large Organ; second, small

one.

F. DA CUNHA & Co.

Hongkong, December 7, 1868.

New Advertisements.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

ALL Orders for Goods Supplied to or
work done for the Hotel must be
signed by the Secretary of the Company.

The Company will not undertake to pay
for any Goods Supplied without such
Order.

By order of the Board of Directors.

C. LANGDON DAVIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 23, 1868.

20th inst., at daylight.

For Freight, &c., apply to

LANDSTEIN & Co.

Hongkong, December 15, 1868. de20

FOR YOKOHAMA DIRECT.

The steamship

"SHAFESBURY,"

Captain ATKIN, will leave

this for the above port, on

Sunday morning next, the

20th inst., at daylight.

For Freight, &c., apply to

LANDSTEIN & Co.

Hongkong, December 15, 1868. de18

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

The British steamer

"T. A. GIBB,"

Capt. GAUNER, will be despatched for the above ports,

on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at 2 P.M.

Despatch will close at 1 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, December 14, 1868. de22

FOR SINGAPORE.

The A 1 North German barque

"JOHANNA MATHILDE,"

Captain LONGE, will have quick

despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to

SLEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, December 15, 1868. tf

FOR SYDNEY (DIRECT).

The British Barque

"MELROSE,"

Captain KINDED, will have quick

despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JOHN BURD & Co.

Hongkong, December 9, 1868. tf

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 British ship

"LOUISA,"

Capt. LANDSTEIN, will load here

and at Whampoa, and have quick

despatch for the above port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, November 12, 1868. tf

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.

The A 1 American Barque

"STERLING,"

(built in 1866.)

of 532 Tons Register.

For particulars, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.
Ex "Whitehall," "Red Deer," and other Arrivals.

BASS'S ALE in hogheads and kilderkins. Do. do. in glass, quart and pints. Guinness's Dublin STOUT in quarts and pts. Barclay & Co.'s PORTER in wood. Hennessy's Pale BRANDY in bottle. Gates & Co.'s superior Pale BRANDY in bottle. Barlaresque's superior fine CHAMPAGNE COGNAC. Duff Gordon's SHERRIES, from \$7.60 to \$13 per dozen. Light dinner SHEKRY at \$6 per dozen. Tawny Old PORT. Full flavored fruity PORT. Swain and Board's Ginger WINE and Ginger BRANDY.

Oilman's Stores of every description, from Cross & Blackwell and J. T. Morton, Compton Brothers' HAMS, CHEESE and BACON. Oxford, Cambridge and German SAUSAGES, Paté de Foie Gras TRUFFLE. Assorted Truffled Game and Meat PATES. Perigord TRUFFLES, at LAMMERT ATKINSON & Co. Hongkong, December 14, 1868.

FOR SALE.

Ex Recent Arrivals. AMERICAN Prime Mess BEEF, in barrels and half-harrels. Hamburg Prime Mess BEEF, in barrels. PORK, Prime Danish BUTTER, in 7 lb. tins, quite fresh. Muller's celebrated LAGERBIER in cases of 40 quarts at \$8 per case. Dester's Bremen PALE ALE in quart, at LAMMERT ATKINSON & Co. Hongkong, December 14, 1868.

FOR SALE.
HUBBUCK'S boiled Linseed OIL, in drums and wood. Hubbuck's raw Linseed OIL, in drums and wood. Hubbuck's bright VARNISH, in barrels. Spirits of TURPENTINE, in drums. Hubbuck's best white ZINO, white LEAD, dry red LEAD, black, green and blue PAINTS, &c., &c. Peacock's patent Composition, rigging LEATHER, Pump LEATHER, Deep Sea Lead LINES, hand Lead LINES, Log LINES, signal HALYARDS. Assorted colors BUNTING. Best English Split PEAS, in barrels, at LAMMERT ATKINSON & Co. Hongkong, December 14, 1868.

Just Received from "Rotterdam." WYNAND Fokking's Double ORANGE CURACOA. Wynand Fokking's white CURACOA. AVH GIN in white and square bottles. Pomeranian BITTERS. LAMMERT ATKINSON & Co. Hongkong, December 14, 1868.

Just Received from France and for Sale by the Undersigned. A Fresh supply of BUTTER in Bottles, in finest condition. GRUYERE CHEESE.

French CHOCOLATE at 75c. per lb. A fine assortment of French BONBONS, and CONFECTIONERY.

FRUITS in juice, from Teysonneau. Do. in Brandy. CRYSTALLIZED FRUIT, BONBONS with Marmalade, &c.

A large assortment of VEGETABLES in tins. MACCARONI and VERMICELLI, French MUSTARD, French Salad OIL, French white Wine VINEGAR. LAMMERT ATKINSON & Co. Hongkong, December 14, 1868.

FOR SALE.
T. & D. Henry's best Government Navy CANVAS constantly on hand at LAMMERT ATKINSON & Co. Hongkong, December 14, 1868.

CAVITE CIGARS.
13 Cases, Ex "San Lorenzo." For Sale by EDWARD J. SAGE. Hongkong, December 14, 1868. de21

FOR SALE.
THE Copyright and Print of the Shanghai Recorder, Daily Newspaper, and Supreme Court and Consular Gazette, Weekly Newspaper, or one-half interest in the same.

Tenders to be received on or before the 20th instant. For particulars, apply at the Office. Shanghai, 5th December, 1868. de20

NEW CHRISTMAS GOODS JUST RECEIVED AT THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

Rose Water Fountains. Chocolate & Menier. For BREAKFAST & EATING. Fancy Boxes Chocolates and Bonbons. Varieties of every description.

New Perfumery. Perfume Irrigateurs. Pear Scops in great variety.

CHERRY Tooth Paste. Magnetic Machines. Silicated Carbon Filters. Felt Chest Protectors and Cork Respirators—to be had at the VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

D. Lavill's Celebrated Gout Mixture and Pills to be had at the VICTORIA DISPENSARY. Hongkong, December 10, 1868. de21

Ex "Whitehall," and Mail. CHOCOLATE MENIER, in Plain and Handsome boxes. Bohemian Vases, fancy Toilet Sets, and a great variety of New Goods, suitable for Christmas Presents.

Bonbons, Marmalade Nuts, Cakes, Minced meat, fancy Dessert Fruits, Confectionery, Toys, &c.

Christy's New Shape Folk Hats, Neckties and Scarves, in great variety, Fancy Coatings, &c., &c.

S. W. BAKER & Co. Hongkong, December 11, 1868. ja2

SAIL MAKING.
FAWCETT & CO. having secured the services of an experienced Sail-Maker, are prepared to MAKE or REPAIR SAILS at very reasonable rates.

Hongkong, December 10, 1868. ja2

Insurances.

"THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON."

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that in compliance with the requirements of Section Number Fifty of "The Companies Ordinance, 1865," an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Society, No. 12, Praya, on Monday, the Twenty-first day of December next, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of confirming all or any Special Resolutions that may be passed at the Meeting called for the purpose on the Fifth day of December next.

Dated the Thirtieth day of Oct., A.D. 1868. By Order of the Board of Directors, ROBERT WATMORE, Secretary. de21

CHINA TRADESMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE General Dividend of Dollars Three Hundred and Fifty (\$350) per share will be payable at the office of the Company, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants, on and after the 10th instant.

By order, AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co. General Agents. Hongkong, December 9, 1868. ja2

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL 2,000,000 DOLLARS, in 2,000 Shares of 1,000 Dollars each.

Consulting Committee:— GEORGE F. HEARD, Esq. Wm. KAYE, Esq. R. ROWELL, Esq. S. D. SABSON, Esq. F. BUXBY, Esq. General Managers.—Messrs JARDINE, MATTHEWS & Co.

Head Office, No. 39, Queen's Road.

HE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, which expires by effluxion of time in a few months, having proved a highly successful undertaking, it has been determined by a large number of its shareholders to form a permanent Company under the same management and with increased Capital.

It is proposed to register the Company under the Limited Liability Ordinance, and the amount of the Capital having been fixed at Two Millions of Dollars, it is considered that Insurers will be amply secured thereby, while at the same time each shareholder will know the extent of his individual liability. The capital proposed to be called up amounts to a large sum, and provision will be made for the creation of an ample Reserve Fund, which will, it is expected, in a very short time accumulate to an amount practically to give the fullest security both to Insurers and Insured, irrespective of the unpaid Capital.

It is intended to anticipate the termination of the Old Company, by dissolving it from and after the 31st December next, and measures are being taken for that purpose.

In anticipating a successful career for the New Company, it is only necessary to present to the public the results of the Old Company since its establishment in May 1866, as exhibited by the following figures:

The total premiums collected from the 11th May 1866 to the present time, a period of only two years and five months, amount to..... \$304,727.72

The losses which have been paid within the same period have amounted to..... \$130,081.22 and include the large sum of \$85,270 lost by the Fire at Hongkong in Nov. 1867.

The amount now at the Credit of the Working Account, after paying all Expenses and Re-insurances to date, exceeds..... \$160,000.00

These figures fully warrant the most sanguine expectations of success, and it is but reasonable to expect that, strengthened with larger Capital, the present undertaking cannot fail to prove at least as successful as the former one. The Old Company, when it entered the field, had to create a business for itself, but the New one, in taking over the outstanding risks and contracts of the Old Company, will at once receive a very large amount of premium, and enter on a profitable and organized business. Moreover, there is no doubt that the risk of Fire in Hongkong has been greatly diminished by the Building Regulations now in force, and by the establishment of a Fire Brigade.

The following are the main features of the New Company:—

1. A first Call of \$100, to be paid upon each share on allotment, and a further Call \$100 to be paid in six Months; all further Calls to be determined upon at General Meetings of the shareholders.

2. Interest at 12 per cent per annum to be in the first instance allowed on the paid up Capital, such Interest to be payable half yearly, 30th June, and 30th December. The profits after deducting the said Interest to be applied at 20 per cent, *pro rata*, amongst such of the shareholders as shall have contributed or influenced business to the Company, and the remainder in forming a Reserve Fund of \$250,000.

3. When such Reserve Fund shall have been accumulated, the payment of Interest to cease, and the profits to be applied thus:—20 per cent to be distributed as already mentioned amongst the shareholders who shall have contributed business to the Company; 30 per cent. to the augmentation of the Reserve Fund until it shall reach \$1,000,000, at which figure the remaining 50 per cent. to be distributed by way of dividend amongst the shareholders generally.

4. No shareholder to hold more than 250 shares.

5. The Company to be managed by General Managers, with the assistance of a Committee.

6. The Funds of the Company to be deposited in Banks or in Government Securities approved of by the Committee.

The Deed of Association may be inspected at the Office of the General Manager, or at the Office of Mr HENRY C. CALDWELL, the Solicitor of the Company.

Hongkong, December 10, 1868. ja2

Ex "Whitehall," and Mail. CHOCOLATE MENIER, in Plain and Handsome boxes.

Bohemian Vases, fancy Toilet Sets, and a great variety of New Goods, suitable for Christmas Presents.

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S. W. BAKER & Co. Hongkong, December 11, 1868. ja2

SAIL MAKING.
FAWCETT & CO. having secured the services of an experienced Sail-Maker, are prepared to MAKE or REPAIR SAILS at very reasonable rates.

Hongkong, December 10, 1868. ja2

New Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

BOWRA & Co. have received instructions from A. H. PRICE, Esq., H. M. Naval and Victualling Storekeeper, to sell by Public Auction, at the Naval Yard, Hongkong, on

TUESDAY,

29th Dec., 1868, at 11 o'clock a.m.—The undermentioned condemned and unserviceable Naval and Victualling STORES, viz.:—

About 56,000 lbs. Biscuits.

A quantity of Biscuit Dust, Flour,

Rum, Raisins, Slush, Candies, Staves,

Headings, Iron Hoops, empty Cases and

Thick Tubs, Implements, old Iron,

(east and wrought) Leather, Glass, Bunting,

Steel, India Rubber; Sacks and

painted Rags, Iron Casts, Ligum Vitae,

Crockeryware, Sheetings, Blue Cloth,

Cotton Drill, Blue Serge, Blankets,

Wrappers, Belts, and Soap,

Also,

A Galley and a Barge,

Etc., Etc.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.

Hongkong, December 16, 1868. de29

The Diamond Line S. S.

"UNITED SERVICE,"

will leave for Shanghai, on

Sunday morning next, 20th

instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

Hongkong, December 16, 1868. de29

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will leave for Shanghai, on

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For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, December 16, 1868. de29

NOTICE

STATE OF DENT AND CO.

FIRST DIVIDEND of Ten per cent

upon the amount of all claims

admitted by the Trustees, will be paid on

the 1st January next.

On application to the undersigned, at the office of the Trustees, Podder's Hill, Directors will be furnished with warrants signed by the Trustees which will be payable on presentation at the office of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

By order of the Trustees, E. WHEELER, Hongkong, November 28, 1868. ja2

CHRISTADELPHIAN SYNAGOGUE, No. 3, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

THOSE in Hongkong, who have become Christadelphians by believing the thing "concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ" (Act viii:12) and being thereafter, immersed in water in obedience to Apostolic Commandments (ii:38).

MEET EVERY SUNDAY,

In the morning at 11 a.m. for the breaking of bread, and for worship, and in the evening at 7 o'clock, for the proclamation of the truth.

N.B.—Christadelphians mean "Brethren of Christ," and is adopted by those acknowledging it, to distinguish them from ordinary "Christians" who in the estimation of the former, are departed from the faith of Christ, and turned unto fables (2 Tim. 4:4.)

LOOKING FOR HIS APPEARING.

Hongkong, November 20, 1868. de20

WANTED.

TONNAGE to Amoy for 300 to 400 Tons of Dead Weight.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co.

Hongkong, October 21, 1868.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having PURCHASED

the Interest of the "WANCHI SPEAN BAKERY," begs to notify the Public of Hongkong and Ship Masters that he

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CHINA MAIL,
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After the termination of the labors of the expedition in China and Japan, the corvette *Archduke Frederic* will remain in these waters for the protection of Austrian interests; her presence will no doubt have all the effect desired, but we must lament the tendency of European Governments to send large and ponderous vessels of war to China, where small gunboats of light draught would be infinitely more useful.

The other vessel, the *Donau*, will go on to Valparaiso, with a view to the conclusion of a Treaty with the Republic of Chili, a service which was being performed by Baron Wüllerstorff of Novara's memory, in the year 1859, but the conclusion of which was prevented by the war which broke out with Italy, and the consequent sudden departure of the *Novara*. Treaties are then to be made with Uruguay and Paraguay, countries having a rapidly increasing trade with Austria, and where more Austrians reside than in the whole of Eastern Asia.

The frigate *Donau*, of 32 guns, has reduced her armament to fourteen twenty-four pounder rifled steel guns, the commandant of the battery being Baron Minutillo, who was formerly aide-de-camp to Vice Admiral Tegelhoff, and was, while holding that appointment, wounded in the battle of Lissa; this reduction of armament has been necessitated in order to provide room for suitable accommodation for the principal officers, and for libraries, conference rooms, and other apartments suitable to the peculiar services required of the various departments of the expedition. On board this vessel are shipped the presents for the Kings of Siam and the Mikado of Japan, amongst which is a full-sized statue of the Emperor of Austria, sculptured in Carrara marble by Cauer of Rome, a private present from the Emperor Francis Joseph to the first King of Siam; the war office contributed specimens of various descriptions of guns and other weapons, and the leading manufacturers of Austria, such as Hogenbach, the glass manufacturer at Vienna, and Liebig brothers, linen manufacturers of Reichenberg, have at their own cost contributed articles of considerable value in elucidation of their respective fabrics.

On board the *Archduke Frederic*, accommodation has been provided for the Commissioners, and other civilians, who will ultimately be joined by more who will make their journey by the overland or some other route, so as to enlarge the field of observation, and embrace in the work of expedition an inspection of the Suze Canal.

We hope and believe that this expedition, prepared with so much forethought, and aiming at so much and such varied good, will be attended with highly advantageous results, politically, scientifically, and commercially, not only to Austria, but to the whole world.

COLLISION BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND BRITISH IN FORMOSA.

We received the following from a correspondent at Takow. Other letters, containing further particulars, have also reached us. Affairs in Formosa are assuming a serious aspect; but we withhold comment until to-morrow, when the other details in our possession shall be published. Our correspondent, whose letter is dated Takow, Dec. 4, says:-

Sir.—As it may be interesting to some of your subscribers and to the general public to receive an account of the late occurrence here, I venture to trouble you with a brief statement of what has taken place.

For the past nine months the local government has unceasingly persecuted members of the foreign community, plundered merchants of their property, taken their Chinese employees prisoners, beaten them in their houses, destroyed Missionaries' houses, and murdered their catechist and in the most flagrant way violated both the letter and spirit of the treaty.

To the remonstrances of former Consuls they paid no regard whatever, and on Mr Gibson, our present Consul, taking charge, they refused to recognize him. He found it necessary to apply for aid to the Naval authorities, and at length with the assistance of H. M. S. *Leviathan*, Captain Lord Chas. Scott, he obtained promises of redress, and the Taotai of Amoy, Tséng, was sent over to Taiwanfo, nominally to settle the matter—the *Leviathan*, in the meantime having proceeded elsewhere, and H. M. gunboats *Algerine* and *Bustard* being sent to Taiwan.

On the 17th November, Taotai Tséng had an interview with Mr Gibson, in which it was plainly shown that he either had no powers at all, or that they were useless for any other purpose than merely investigating the crimes of the local Government. When Mr Gibson spoke of redress, he simply laughed off the question, and said that with regard to the claims that had been made, they were in his opinion of very little importance, and few of them were worth talking about.

Under these circumstances it was decided that H. M. gunboats *Algerine* and *Bustard* should proceed to Amping, the port of Taiwanfo, and take possession of that place and its fort, Zelandia, as a reprisal.

On arriving they found the town in charge of a Hep-Tai with a few men, and proceedings were immediately posted desiring all soldiers to quit the place, and a message for shares in the new Company were widely spread and general, and that they could now rely upon the support of Shanghai and

also, as Amping was to be considered in British possession until all claims on the local Government should be settled.

On the 22nd, Mr Gibson returned to the *Bustard*, leaving the *Algerine* in charge of Amping; and Lieut. Gordon commanding that gunboat, then went on shore and informed the Hep-Tai that he must leave within 24 hours, and at the same time told the commander of a heavily armed war-junk lying close to the Town that she must leave or be taken. A severe gale set in that evening, which lasted till the 24th November, rendering communication with the shore impossible, but on the next day (the 24th) the Hep-Tai had left, Lieut. Gordon again went on shore and desired him to go, and the war-junk having also remained, she was boarded and taken as a security.

In the afternoon of some of the principal Chinese merchants came off to the *Leviathan* and requested that the Hep-Tai should be allowed to remain, and were informed that unless a sum of \$50,000 was deposited with Lieut. Gordon as a guarantee, that all Mr Gibson's demands should be acceded to, the town of Amping would be taken possession of the next afternoon and the Hep-Tai taken prisoner.

On the morning of the 25th, trustworthy intelligence being received that the place was being strongly fortified, and had been reinforced by 500 men, a despatch was sent to the Hep-Tai, telling him that unless he sent away the troops, and ceased to mount any more guns, Amping would be taken upon, and the inhabitants were told at the same time to abandon the town, as the assault would commence at 3 P.M.

No answers being received, the batteries and fort were shelled at the time named, the town being spared, and at midnight, although it was blowing hard and a high sea running, Lieut. Gordon landed with one officer and twenty-three men and stormed and took the town.

On breaking into the Hep-Tai's Yacht, the quarter was found full of soldiers who formed barricades and extinguished the lights; by the aid of Portfires, however, the assailants forced an entry and a hand-to-hand fight took place. Every effort was made to induce the soldiers to lay down their arms but without avail, and on one of them making a desperate attempt to stab Lieut. Gordon, the order was given to fire, when breaking down a door in their rear they immediately fled. Sentries were then sent up, and the men, none of whom had received a single wound, were allowed a short rest. At daylight the little force was concentrated and marched to the gate leading to a wide plain in front of the town, where they arrived just in time to meet a large body of the enemy advancing to Amping. These troops were led by a mandarin bearing a yellow flag, and here another sharp engagement took place in which Lieut. Gordon, taking advantage of the embankment, completely routed the enemy without the loss or wounding of a single man. The position was then surveyed, sentries stationed, barricades thrown up, and a strict watch kept, but the enemy did not reappear.

On the 27th Nov. H. M. gunboat *Bustard* arrived with Mr Gibson, and Lieut. Johnson landed with 13 men to reinforce the *Algerine*'s crew who were very much fatigued, having had to keep watch night and day. An interview then took place between the Chinese authorities and the Consul and Commanders of the gunboats—in which the former promised to accede to all claims, Amping remaining in British possession until such claims were paid.

Some of Mr Gibson's demands have already been settled and others are in process of settlement, and thus at last owing to this gentleman's wisdom and determination and the gallant conduct of Lieut. Gordon and the force under his command, has redress been obtained for a series of flagrant offences extending over a period of many months. Had former Constituted in a like manner, such vigorous measures would probably not have been necessary, although events may perhaps still have turned out all for the best, since it is to be hoped that the treaty-making Mandarins all over China have learned a lesson they will not readily forget that there are still Consuls who know how to uphold the dignity of the British Government and to care for the interests of British subjects.

The following particulars come to us from another correspondent:—

"The village of Amping was bombarded and the garrison surprised the day following by 22 men from the *Algerine*; no accident to any of them. The Chinese lost some 40 to 50 killed and wounded; 150 to 170 cannon (mostly 12 to 18 pounds), 11,000 stand of arms and an immense quantity of gunpowder destroyed; also part of the old Dutch Fort was blown up and one junk captured (subsequently released)—a pretty good share of work for 22 men and two officers. The place was evacuated; but the *Bustard* is close by, to prevent the Chinese from fortifying the place again."

LOCAL.

We are glad to note the arrival of the Diamond Line steamer *United Service* of one o'clock to-day, as it removes the anxiety naturally felt on her account. She returned to Mauritius, having broken her propeller.

This gambling license is, we learn, transferred to the new licensee (Wohang and others) this day, but on slightly altered terms. The annual fee will be \$200,000, instead of \$220,000 as formerly, but the same liability as to making good losses proved to have been incurred through gambling servants &c., still hold good, and are guaranteed by the payment, before the expiration of the lease monthly.

The resolution of the former licensees wished to retain the farm, is, we understand, with our foundation.

An extraordinary meeting of shareholders in the above Company was held this afternoon at the office of the General Agent, for the purpose of confirming all or any resolution passed at the previous meeting held on the 1st December—Hon. Wm. Rawlinson in the chair. The resolution relating to the dissolution and winding up of the old Company having been read over, and no dissentient coming forward, the Chairman declared that the aforesaid resolutions were confirmed and in force accordingly.—The Chairman then remarked that it would no doubt interest the shareholders to learn that the applications for shares in the new Company were widespread and general, and that they could now rely upon the support of Shanghai and

the northern ports. More applications had been made than were shares to allot, and according to recent advices the applications would probably reach 3,000, while only 2,000 shares were available altogether. The dividend of the old Company would be payable at the Hongkong Bank on the 31st instant.—As there was no further business, the meeting separated.

The *D'Impératrice* came off the South Bank yesterday morning (Dec. 11) and anchored at Woosung, where she will remain in consequence of her large size and great draft of water, 22 feet 6 in.—*Express*.

that the Chinese boy had thrown the fat with the intention of destroying the Musulman's castle, he would punishment him severely. It was the first time he had ever seen a Chinese getting pork too fat for him: he must remember that others might think it stupid and foolish for him (prisoner) to wear a queue, and therefore might wish to cut it off, though he would not like it. He would, however, look upon it as not having been done on purpose, and fine him only fifty cents.—The Musulman was then removed, none the worse apparently of the assault upon his religion.

Herman A. Klase is one of those marine

land animals whose condition forms one of the most knotty social problems to the uninitiated and one of the great annoyances to all with whom officially he has anything to do. Klase is a Swede, and came to the Charge Room yesterday, saying he was destitute. Inspector Grimes stated that he had been in the Court once or twice before destitute, and appeared to him to be scarcely sane.—Defendant said that he came from Liverpool in the Dutch barque *Adriana Petrolea*, from which he was discharged: he was now destitute.—On being sent to Mr Helland, Swedish Consul, the following character from that gentleman was received:—"Klase is quite an incorrigible character, and he will do no work. He has now been knocking about the Colony nearly three months; and I have just paid an Hospital bill for him for \$81, and a boarding-house keeper for que week's maintenance, on the understanding that he should ship in the first vessel offering; but he will not ship, and really I do not know what to do with the man. There is a Norwegian ship in port now, and I shall try to get the captain to take him."—Mr May informed the prisoner that he was certain that the Swedish Consul was writing what was quite true—prisoner was one of those men who preferred to indulge in laziness rather than gain his livelihood by hard honest work. He would give him fourteen days' hard labor as a rogue and vagabond, and he hoped that the Colony would soon be relieved of his presence.

After some consideration, the Jury gave their verdict, which was to the effect that deceased met his death by a shot fired by the watchman Hadjee Feroze, while deceased was attempting to steal coal, but that as no violence was used in the attempt to commit the said felony, the watchman's act amounted to manslaughter.

The Coroner said that a watchman was regarded by the law as a private person.

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The Coroner said that he perfectly con-

sidered the verdict of the Jury, and he

would frankly say that the law was

never made for men like deceased and

others here in China; but so long as the

law remained as it was, he was bound to

lay it cleanly before them. He wished that

it might have been otherwise; and if the

highest attempt of violence had been made

towards the watchman, or if deceased had

been armed, it would have given a different turn to the case altogether.

The inquest concluded at a quarter be-

fore seven o'clock.

Hadjee Feroze, the watchman at the Kow

loon Dock, was brought up on remand, at

the Magistrate to-day (16th) and the same

evidence, more fully detailed, as that

given before the Coroner, was recorded by

Mr May. Mr H. C. Caldwell appeared for

the prisoner in his capacity of solicitor for

the Company, and in cross-examination

elicited many incidental facts bearing upon

the justification of the prisoner. The Po-

lice stationed over at the Docks have their

bayonets fixed, muskets loaded and capped,

and are orders to fire at the legs of

all suspicious persons, during the night.

The deceased man was, so much suspected

by the Police that he would have been ap-

prehended if found any time on the Dock

premises. The case was remanded until

to-morrow. Mr Caldwell remarked that he

would produce every witness who could

throw any light upon the matter; the fact

of the man's death by means of the pris-

oners' act was clear; and he only intended to

amplify the case as to the incidental cir-

cumstances which would be likely to influ-

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NOTICATIONS of Books, Periodicals, Newspapers, Clothes, &c., will be most kindly received.
A. OVERTURY,
Superintendent
Hongkong, October 29, 1868.

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further notice.

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JAMES JONES,
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Office of Marine Customs,
Amoy, August 13, 1868. jan2

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Hongkong, March 11, 1868.

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2. No alteration has been made in the rates of Postage on correspondence addressed to Mauritius.

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